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1. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA MET PRESS AFTER CABINET MEETING MORNING APRIL 8. IN MIDDLE OF GENRAL BRIEFING ABOUT TOPICS HE EXPECTS TAKE UP WITH SECRETARY, HE INJECTED SINGLE SENTENCE RELATING TO ECONCOM. ACCORDING TO FONOFF STAFF, WHAT HE SAID WAS "THE QUESTION OF HOLDING ECONCOM IN SEPTEMBER SEEMS TO HAVE FIZZLED OUT (TACHIGIE) UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES." PRESS DID NOT QUESTION MIYAZAWJ ON THI POINT.

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2. EVENING PAPERS APRIL 8 CARRIED BRIEF ARTICLES WITH

VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF REASONS FOR CANCELLATION.
YOMIURI ("ECONCOM SHELVED") INTERPRETED MIYAZAWA AS INDICATING REASON WAS SUDDEN CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.
MAINICHI ("ECONCOM IN SEPT FIZZLES OUT") SIMPLY REPORTED MIYAZAWA STATEMENT ADDING THERE WAS IMPLICATION FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT INTEND CONSULT SECRETARY ABOUT MATTER THIS WEEK. SANKEI ("ECONCOM IN SEPT CANCELLED") REPORTED MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES ON U.S. SIDE, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF WORSENING OF INDOCHINA SITUATION.
NIHON KEIZAI ("ECONCOM SHELVED") REPORTS MIYAZAWA STATEMENT WHICH INTERPRETED AS SHELVEING ECONCOM FOR THIS YEAR AND LISTED PROBABLE REASONS AS (A) DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING SCHEDULES OF CABINET MEMBERS PARTICULARLY ON U.S. SIDE DUE VIETNAM SITUATION, (B) AVAILABILITY OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING MIYAZAWA'S VISIT THIS WEEK FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND (C) ABSENCE OF BILATERAL ISSUES REQUIRING URGENT SETTLEMENT.

3. IF QUERIED BY LOCAL EMBASSIES OR PRESS, WE INTEND CONFIRM ECONCOM WILL NOT BE HELD IN SEPT DUE HEAVY SCHEDULE OF PROSPECTIVE VISITS BY SENIOR JAPANESE OFFICIALS AND ABSENCE OF SERIOUS BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. IF ASKED, WE INTEND SAY VIETNAMESE SITUATION WAS NOT RPT NOT A FACTOR.

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